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Cal Poly Graduates Get Good Jobs Despite Economy

SAN LUIS OBISPO – Cal Poly conferred degrees on some 3,196 bachelor's candidates June 12, many of them with job offers already in hand.

Among the class of 2004, construction management graduates were especially sought after, with more than 100 firms recruiting 60 spring graduates, according to the College of Architecture and Environmental Design, which offers the program.

According to a newly-released university report on 2002-2003 graduates, construction management isn't the only field in which Cal Poly grads have been in high demand.

Overall, 81 percent of 2002-2003 Cal Poly graduates had job offers within three months of graduation – with 60 percent of them having full-time job offers before leaving campus.

In 2002-03, 93 percent or more of the grads majoring in construction management, civil engineering, and graphic communication went straight to full-time employment on earning their degree.

According to the 2002-2003 Graduate Status Report,

- 67 percent were employed full time
- 23 percent were attending graduate school
- 4 percent were employed part time
- 5 percent were still seeking employment
- 1 percent checked 'other'

The median starting salary for 2002-2003 Cal Poly grads was \$40,000 a year.

Top median annual starting salaries for 2002-2003 grads were:

- Computer Engineering grads, \$58,350
- Electrical Engineering grads, \$50,607
- Mechanical Engineering grads, \$50,000
- Industrial Technology grads, \$50,000

- Industrial Engineering grads, \$50,000.

For the past decade, 92 to 96 percent of Cal Poly students have reported working full-time or attending graduate school within one year of graduation. And 91 percent of those were employed in fields relating to their college degrees.

For more information about how Cal Poly grads fare in the job market and in admission to graduate school, read the report online at:

<http://www.careerservices.calpoly.edu/Students/CareerPlanning/gsr.htm>

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